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UPCOMING EVENTS:

PARENTING CONFERENCE

**Friday Night September 7th from 6-8pm
and Saturday September 8th from 9am-12pm.**

Four principles that can radically change the way
you raise your children by Paul Tripp.

Childcare: Is available on the church property with RSVP only.

Cost: \$20 per family.

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**WORK, LAZINESS, SLUGGARD
PART II**

Today's Verses:

Proverbs 14:23
Psalm 104:30-32
Proverbs 10:4
Proverbs 27:18

Proverbs 10:5
Proverbs 22:29
Ephesians 2:10
Proverbs 8:3

Proverbs 15:19
Psalm 130:3
Genesis 3:18
Matthew 11:28



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WORK, LAZINESS, SLUGGARD PART II

Welcome to Element! This week we continue looking at the book of Proverbs where, upon completion, will all become wise (at least we hope so)! This week, like last week, is about work, but will hopefully offer a deeper explanation of work. The idea of work presented in Proverbs is very counter cultural because Scripture tells us that work is a good thing, it is helpful for people to work, but it also calls us to look beyond the bottom line (because God's story and ours while living in His good news is about more than money).

Proverbs tells us if we want to live a counter culture life in regard to work we have to:

1. Do our work - *Proverbs 10:4 "Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth."*

The word *diligent* means smart work, targeted work, strategic work and knowing when it's harvest time. In the eyes of God, even the most menial tasks, the most menial work, has a dignity to it.

2. Love our work - *Proverbs 22:29 Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings;*

In Hebrew, "skill" means gifted. The Scriptures teach us to look at the things we're good at doing, the things you love to do, and notice that they aren't just accidents. Our Maker is calling us into work that fits our capacities.

3. Redeem our work – Do work in a redeemed way by how we re-narrate our economic mindset. It is grounded in how we see work and the world that God has placed us in to be His image bearers.

Jesus says what is wrong with history is that mankind's sin makes everyone self-centered. But the good news of the story of the Gospel is that Jesus has come to reweave and renew the world; He begins to re-create us through His work.

Introduction

Many of us have mistakenly found our identity in what we do for a living versus to whom we belong. Salvation does not come through our work, even though God intends for us to work, salvation comes from Jesus work for us.

Discussion

Who are the best and worst people with whom you have ever worked?

Why?

Explanation

Do you believe your duties at work matter?

Why or why not?

What would it mean for you to "love your work?"

Application – Read Ephesians 2:10

Do you (or have you) found satisfaction in work?

Why or why not?

Does work effect your view of salvation?

Why or why not? (Spend time on this one)!

Mission

How can you do your work, love your work, and redeem your work as a witness for Jesus?

How does working hard, smart and well speak to Jesus' love for all people?

How can you honor others at your workplace?

Homework - Read Psalm 16:11

What brings you joy and pleasure?

Discussion Key

Red – Easy level, not much intimacy, Blue – Intended to dig a bit deeper

Black – Designed to create deeper conversation